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Attached are copies of Headquarters Regulations which apply to the implementation of Executive Order 10501. There are also attached two copies of Headquarters Notice [] which relates to the general subject of disclosure of classified information.

The attached are furnished per our conversation. Policy considerations for the release of these documents to a congressional committee have not been considered by this Office.

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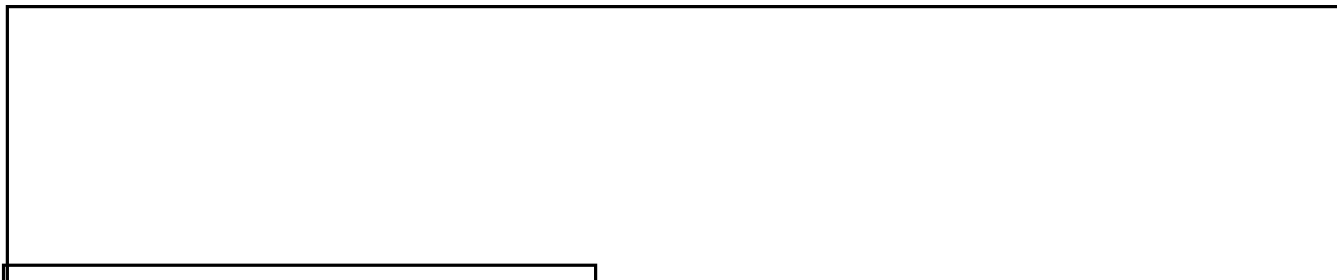
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Met with Russ Blandford and Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, whom I provided with copies of material on the "reorganization" of the intelligence community. They expressed considerable irritation over the fact that this material was over two months old, but I explained that despite diligent efforts we had just obtained permission to share it with them.

Mr. Slatinshek said he was impatiently awaiting material on revisions of the espionage laws which he had discussed with us last week, and which he needed in order to prepare for early hearings which Chairman Nedzi was planning in connection with the handling of classified information. When I pointed out that some of this material was unfinished staff work in White House custody which we lacked authority to release, Messrs. Blandford and Slatinshek expressed considerable irritation and insisted that if they couldn't get it officially they must have it unofficially "or else." I said I would see what we could do. They said they were trying to be helpful to the Executive agencies in coping with the security problems typified by the Ellsberg and more recently Jack Anderson publications and found the run around they were getting from the Defense Department inexcusable and expected something better from the Agency.

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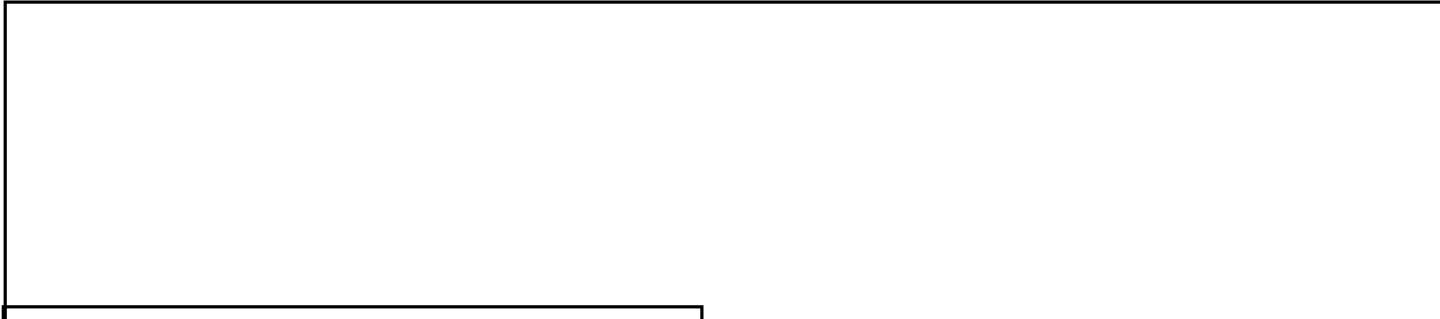
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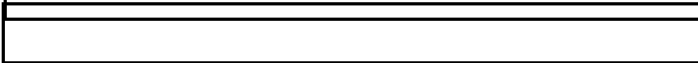
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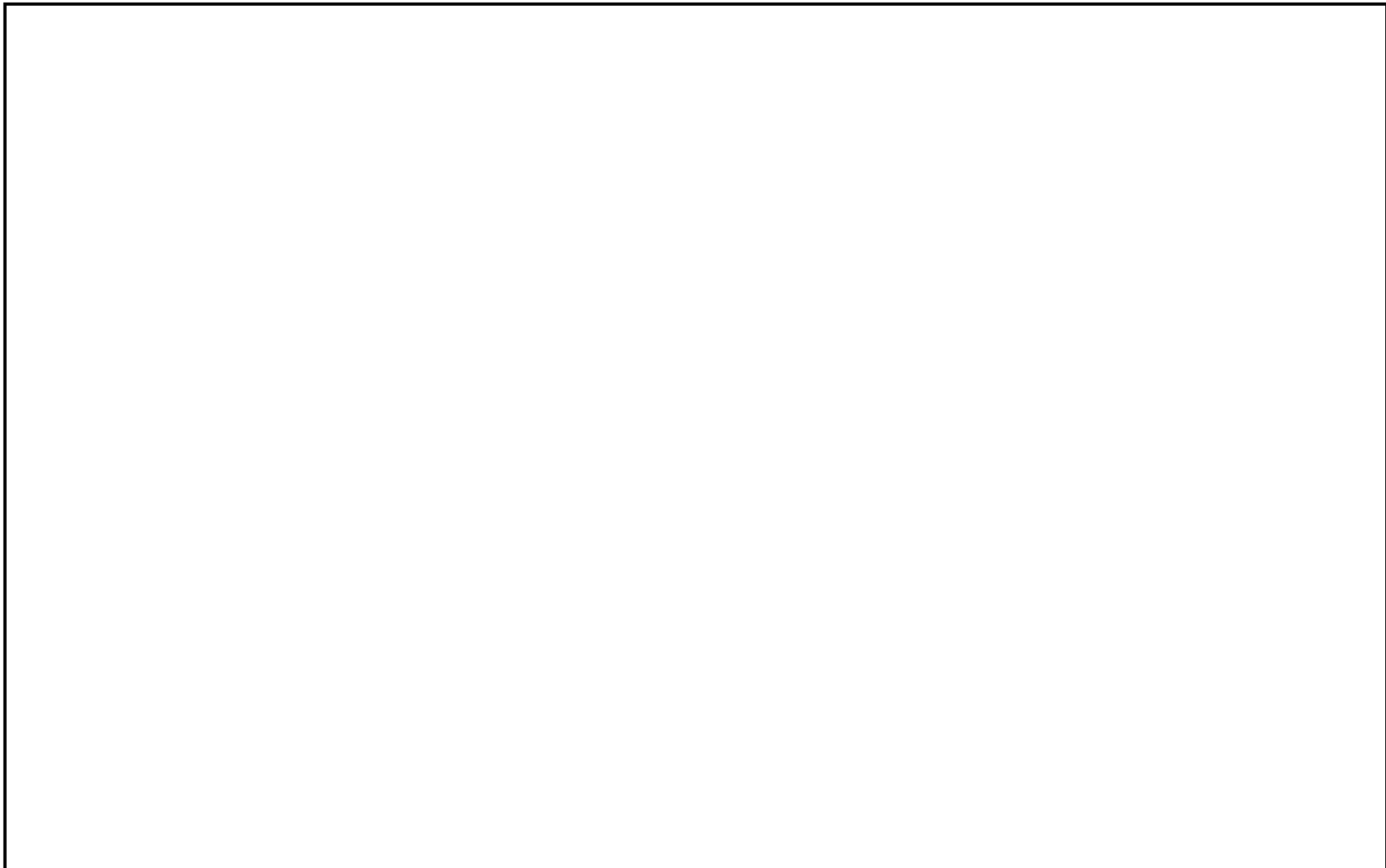
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Talked to Oneta Stockstill, Executive Secretary, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that Representative Charles Gubser (R., Calif.) is travelling as the guest of the Secretary of Navy to the South Pole and on his return will join the Nonappropriated Funds Activities Subcommittee which will be visiting Indochina. [REDACTED] FE Division, has been advised.

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